Generation of funds for IGNCA

2684. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Rs. 50 crore corpus fund given to the Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts (IGNCA) by the Central Government during its inception-a bone of contention during the take over-is being found to be "insufficient" to meet the expenses;

(b) if so, what are Government's views and response thereto; and

(c) whether Government are considering any proposal sent by IGNCA for generating funds?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Monuments under risk zone

2685. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Archaeological Survey of India has identified the monuments in different States which are in the risk zone in the event of earthquake;

(b) if so, the State-wise details of those monuments; and

(c) the steps taken to protect those monuments from any possible earthquake?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) to (c) In view of the wide difference in the antiquity, structural design and use of building material in the protected monuments, it is not possible to indicate their specific vulnerability to earthquakes. However action has been initiated to seek specific advise in this regard in respect of the World Heritage and other important monuments from specialised institutions.

Development of Lichhavi, Vaishali, Sitamarhi and Rajgir in Bihar

†2686. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government will develop Lichhavi, Vaishali, Sitamarhi and Rajgir in Bihar as national tourist centres;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.